

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 22, 2004. The claim amendments are believed to address the issues raised in the Restriction Requirement. A number of claims have been cancelled and only a single independent claim (claim 40) remains pending.

Claims 1-105 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 1-39, 43, 46, and 50-105 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 40, 44 and 45 have been amended. New claims 106-116 have been added. As a result, claims 40-42, 44, 45, 47-49, and 106-116 are pending for examination with claim 40 being the sole independent claim. No new matter has been added.

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CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500.

Please charge any fee or any fee deficiency occasioned by this preliminary amendment to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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